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TEN CENTS A WEEK

LATEST NEWS OF ORIENTAL SITUATION

Direct Advices Have Been Received From Rojestvensky.

IS NOT BELIEVED HE IS DEAD

Would Opposing Fleets Come Together, No Doubt Exists that Togo's Vessels Will Concentrate Their Fire on the Russian Men-of-War.

St. Petersburg, May 24.—The Associated Press was informed at the admiralty today that no direct advices have been received from Vice Admiral Rojestvensky for 10 days, when it is believed he set out on his long voyage. The report of Rojestvensky's death has been ridiculed at the admiralty.

The sending of Vice Admiral Bireg to Vladivostok, it is now explained, is a natural precautionary measure for the purpose of having an energetic commander at Vladivostok to replace Rojestvensky in the event that the latter is killed or disabled during the coming sea fight, no doubt being entertained that if the fleets come together, Admiral Togo's vessels will concentrate their fire on the Russian flagship. Should Rojestvensky come out of the fight victorious and enjoying his health, it is considered a foregone conclusion that he will be rewarded by appointment to the supreme command. Fortunately, the best relations prevail between Rojestvensky and Bireg, and the latter would be glad to give way to his victorious colleague.

Tokio, May 23.—Noon.—Imperial army headquarters reporting today that the Russian cavalry which advanced toward Fukumen from the right bank of the Liao river, was frequently defeated by our rear guards. On May 20, after their failure in the vicinity of Tafangshen, they camped with the main strength at Siatatzu, 26 miles from Tafangshen. On May 24 they retreated to the right bank of the river. In the meantime a few companies of the remaining force on the left bank of the Malai river were defeated and retreated northward in disorder.

GROUND SINKS 700 FEET.

Big Copper Mine in Arizona is Filled With Earth and Timbers.

Prescott, Ariz., May 24.—Millions of tons of rock and earth caved in at noon Monday in Senator Clark's United Verde copper mine at Jerome, Ariz., the ground dropping over the surface to the 700-foot level. Cracking, timbers gave the alarm, and 200 miners fled for their lives and escaped uninjured.

For several days the ground has been settling, and timber creaking. The extent of the damage cannot as yet be ascertained, but if it is as bad as feared, the great property will be closed and the existence of the Jerome mine will be doomed. The officials of the company take an optimistic view of the situation and say the damage is not irreparable, and that the smelter will be working again within a month.

THIRD ROBBERY OF THIS STORE

Burglars Enter the Store of Smith and Secure Only \$5.

Marionville, Ga., May 24.—Sometime during the early morning hours of Sunday burglars entered the store of D. B. Smith and took therefrom about \$5 in money. The entrance was effected through the rear door. In a box behind the one from which the \$5 was taken was another containing about \$50 in money. This was not molested, the burglars not seeing it.

No clues as to the identity of the burglars have been discovered. This is the third time this store has been robbed since Mr. Smith has been in business there.

Mrs. M. A. Livermore Dead.

Melrose, Mass., May 24.—Mrs. Mary A. Livermore, the well known writer and reformer, died at her home here today. Bronchitis and a weak heart hastened the end.

KILLED ONE; WOUNDED SEVEN.

Supposed Insane Negro in Kentucky Town Runs Amuck.

Owensboro, Ky., May 24.—Bob Shaw, a negro, supposedly insane, has killed one man and wounded seven in the past 24 hours near Whitman.

Monday afternoon Shaw was terrorizing the community around Whitman and an appeal was sent to this city for help. A posse was at once formed, but as soon as they approached the madman's house he opened fire on them.

Town Marshal Watson was shot in the face and Deputy Marshal John J. Jackson in the back. Others wounded were Dr. G. H. Pitt, on the hand; a boy, named Howard, and a boy named Pelly, in the legs.

A posse this morning headed by Sheriff Kelly went from Lewisport to Whitman and found Shaw sitting on his front porch.

Shaw quickly barricaded himself in his house. The posse tried to storm the house, but the negro opened fire, wounding James Ford and John Robinson. He apparently had only small shot, which saved the lives of those he shot at.

Shaw was shot at twice. He had two revolvers, but announced that he would save them for work at close quarters. A great crowd gathered around the house, keeping at a safe distance.

At 3 o'clock in the afternoon Will C. Brown, a deputy sheriff of Hancock county, volunteered to go to the house and take Shaw. When within 15 feet of Shaw, the crazy man fired, blowing Brown's head completely off.

At 6 o'clock tonight a mob of men and boys surrounded the house and set it on fire. Shaw remained in the burning house as long as he could stand the heat and finally leaped out and tried to escape.

Nearly one hundred shots were fired, and Shaw's body was riddled with bullets.

SOUTHERN PRESBYTERIANS.

Question of Federation Will Probably Be Considered.

Fort Worth, Tex., May 24.—Today the question of federation with other Presbyterian bodies will probably be considered by the Southern Presbyterian general assembly. The report of the special committee on federation will, it is believed, be presented this afternoon.

It has been announced that the special committee cannot agree on a unanimous report and the views of the majority and minority will be offered.

Efforts are being made today by the more conservative commissioners to have a compromise measure substituted for these reports. Several delegates have expressed the belief that the assembly will not vote for federation, but will favor closer relations and co-operation with the other bodies.

The question of marriage and divorce was taken by the assembly. An overture from the Montgomery, Ala., presbytery, asked that a committee be named to attend an interstate conference of churches for the purpose of considering this question.

The committee on bills and overtures recommended that such committee should not be appointed. This report was followed by a general discussion.

The assembly was called to order at 10 o'clock by Moderator Plunkett.

Another Teller Goes Wrong.

Hot Springs, Ark., May 24.—Wesley G. Parker, until last Tuesday exchange teller in the Arkansas national bank of this city, is missing and it is claimed that his accounts show a shortage of \$10,000. President C. N. Rix, of the bank, said today that the institution is fully secured by a bond furnished by the absent teller. Parker was an officer in an Arkansas regiment during the Spanish-American war and is secretary of the local lodge of Elks.

American Securities in Demand.

New York, May 24.—American securities were in demand in London again today and prices were higher in sympathy. Others were subject to pressure and the result was a very irregular opening.

"BLUEBEARD" HOCH RAVES AT JURIES

Under Death Sentence For Wife Murder, Man of Many Wives

PLEADS THAT HE IS INNOCENT

Claims the Newspapers of Country Have Started the Hue and Cry Against Him Which Will Cause His Death.

Chicago, May 24.—"You talk of justice in your great country of the United States. You pride yourselves upon your courts, and yet you have doomed me, an innocent man, to death. Bah! Your justice is a farce and your courts are simply schools of perjury," said Johann Hoch, the convicted wife murderer.

"The newspapers have hung me. They started the hue and cry against me; they kept it up until no one in all the length and breadth of the land did not know of Johann Hoch, did not believe him to be an inhuman monster for whom hanging was too good.

"Do you tell me that the 12 men on the jury had not made up their minds about me from newspaper talk, long before they came into the jury room?"

"I know better. Look at the time in which they returned their verdict. I do not think they took any more time than would enable them to write their names.

"Then they feasted and rejoiced that that they had doomed me to death.

"And this in the face of five weeks' evidence and 60 counts of instructions. They did not even read them over. Is that the way they would wish to be dealt with if they were on trial for their lives?"

"I do not care how quickly death comes now. I am an innocent man and I am going to die game. But I wish they would hurry up and kill me quick. I do not like to wait."

Apparently the least unconcerned person in the Cook county jail, Johann Hoch is spending the few days that remain to him of life in sleeping, eating, smoking and visiting with his jail mates.

"He appears to care absolutely nothing about his sentence," said one of his guards, "except to be very angry at the newspapers who, he declares, are responsible for his sentence.

"He sleeps like a top, eats heartily and is quite as jolly and cheerful as ever."

He is a little curious about being left alone, however. When the other prisoners were locked in their cells at 5 o'clock this afternoon Hoch asked Jailor Whitman if he might stay in the corridors with the guards.

"I feel nervous," he said in a pleading tone.

Jailor Whitman assented, and Hoch sat in a corridor on the fifth tier of cells and smoked while he listened to the singing of the negroes in the tier of cells below him.

One negro prisoner with much lung power, sang, "Every Little Bit Helps." Hoch laughed loudly and wriggled in his chair. "I guess that's right," he said. "Every little bit helped to bring me here."

That Hoch made a pitiful appeal to the druggist, Saisner, of whom he bought the medicine for his wife, was revealed today in the contents of a letter written to Saisner by Hoch and now in the possession of the state's attorney.

From its contents it is revealed the fact that Hoch claims the druggist put arsenic in the powders of the prescription by mistake.

The letter in part follows: "Mr. Saisner: Dear Sir—Pardon the liberty I take in writing to you. I must say I am surprised at you that you cannot remember when I was at your drug store Jan. 10, at midnight with that last prescription given by Dr. Reese. Please think back and be sure of that. My life is in your hands. Everyone else who was on the stand told the truth, why will you not? Johann Hoch."

Assistant State's Attorney Harry C.

sen said today that he would be ready to argue the motion for a new trial for Hoch next Saturday.

TO REARRANGE OIL RATES.

Santa Fe Road and Oil Company Matters Discussed.

Topeka, Kans., May 24.—The Santa Fe will meet the oil producers of Kansas within 10 days and rearrange the freight rates on oil.

General Freight Agent Koatz made the following announcement of the company's intention:

"At the preliminary conference with the oil men the producers were asked to prepare a statement showing what market they wished to reach. The producers have been busy recently preparing this statement.

"In the meantime we have been going over the situation and have prepared figures so that at the coming conference we should be able to tell the producers what can be done for them as soon as they make known to us what markets they want to reach."

In an interview Superintendent W. F. Gates, at Independence, Kans., said that notwithstanding recent publications concerning enlargement of the company's facilities, conditions in the oil fields remain practically unchanged. The Prairie Oil and Gas company is running about 22,000 barrels of oil a day in Kansas and the Indian Territory and storage tanks, material for which has been on the ground for some time, continue to be erected in the territory. Drilling operations are almost at a standstill in Kansas, and are becoming less in the Indian Territory.

ATTEMPTED SUICIDE.

Young Man Takes Poison After Attending Revival Services.

Bainbridge, Ga., May 24.—Schuyler Doddridge, a young white man, formerly a native of Tyronne, Ky., attempted to end his life at the Fordham hotel in this city Monday night. Doddridge has been a resident of Bainbridge several months, holding a position with a local cooperage company.

He is religiously inclined and superintendent of one of the Sunday schools of this place. The recent revival meetings are supposed to have a bearing on his attempted suicide, as he has, under stress of religious fervor, brooded on family troubles.

Doddridge was discovered shortly after taking a drug and heroic methods saved his life. The physicians estimate that from two to three grains of morphine were taken. The young man will recover.

Receivers Are Appointed.

Albany, N. Y., May 24.—Upon the application of Attorney General Mayer, Justice Cochrane, of the supreme court here today appointed Douglass Robinson and the New York Trust company as receivers of the Merchants' Trust company. The bond of Mr. Robinson was fixed at \$500,000. Under the law the trust company as receiver is not required to give a bond. Local interest in the failure of the Merchants' Trust company is enhanced by the important effect which the failure entails upon the affairs of the Hudson Valley Railway company. No one in Albany is in a position to say how it will affect the Hudson Valley railway, whose offices are at Glens Falls. Addison Colvin, of that place, being its president.

Tendered Their Resignations.

Philadelphia, May 24.—Director of Public Works Costello and Director of Public Safety Smith, today at the request of Mayor Weaver tendered their resignations. This is the latest and most startling development in the fight against the lease for 15 years of the city gas works to the United Gas Improvement company.

Is Charged With Murder.

Huntsville, Ala., May 24.—Deputy O'Neal, of Cullman county, came to Huntsville Saturday afternoon and reported to Cullman with John Williams, charged with the murder of State Senator R. L. Hipp. Williams will be tried at a special term of the circuit court, over which Judge D. W. Spinks will preside. He has been held here for safe-keeping since his capture five weeks ago in Marshall county.

L. & N. SOUTHBOUND PASSENGER WRECKED

Catastrophe Due to Washout Near Rutherford Creek.

EIGHT PERSONS ARE INJURED.

Entire Train Passed Over Bridge Safely With the Exception of the Two Rear Sleepers—Cause of Wreck Was Undermined Bridge.

Nashville, May 24.—Passenger train No. 1, southbound, on the Louisville and Nashville railroad, was wrecked this morning at the bridge over Rutherford Creek, 4 miles south of Columbia.

The wreck was due to a washout, the bridge having become undermined.

Eight persons were more or less injured, but no one was killed. The entire train passed over the bridge safely except the two rear sleepers, which went over the embankment into seven feet of water.

Mrs. J. J. Drakeford, of St. Louis, came near being drowned before she was rescued.

Those injured are P. R. Evans, of Evansville, Ind., right arm wrenched; P. C. Cawthorne, of Nashville, Tenn., hands and legs cut with glass; Flagman W. A. Farmer, of Nashville, internally injured; Mrs. W. N. Carney, of Almore, Ala., badly bruised about the head; J. D. Cantrell, assistant general freight agent of the Seaboard Air Line, of Birmingham, Ala., back bruised and badly cut by glass. He was pinned down by the wreck and had to be cut out. P. M. Rowland, of Birmingham, Ala., had badly cut; T. B. Parker, of Birmingham, Ala., badly bruised.

The engine and day coach left the rails and tore up the track for 150 yards. Traffic will be delayed for 12 or 15 hours.

The direct cause of the accident was the giving away of about forty feet of trestle work which was used as an approach to the bridge.

The trestle work had been undermined by the high water and gave way under the great weight of the two rear sleeping cars.

The replacing of the trestle is being delayed by the high water, but the work will proceed rapidly as soon as the flood subsides.

TORN TO FRAGMENTS.

Locomotive Boiler Explodes, Killing Six Employees.

Columbus, O., May 24.—The boiler of an engine standing near the Hooking Valley railroad round house exploded, instantly killing six men who were at work nearby.

The building was damaged and quantities of the debris were scattered in all directions.

Those killed were Fred Shuttle, Amos Speakman, Jacob Davis, Fred Crumley, John Birmingham and Carl Crumley.

The engine was being tested for its first run after rebuilding. Four engines standing nearby were wrecked.

Situation Quiet at La Haina.

Honolulu, May 23.—9:10 p. m.—The situation at La Haina is quiet. The strike is reported unsettled, but the authorities are now thoroughly in control. Owing to a break in the overland communications from the wireless station on the island of Maui to Honolulu, there has been practically no communication with La Haina today. The Japanese consul in a message which was brought overland tonight says there will be no further trouble.

Sec. Hay to Call on DeLoach.

Paris, May 24.—Secretary Hay will arrive here next Monday for a brief stay. Arrangements have been made for him to meet foreign Minister DeLoach. This is likely to arouse considerable speculation, but Mr. Hay's only purpose is to make a visit of courtesy to M. DeLoach, and the latter on hearing this, expressed a desire to make the first call upon the wireless secretary of state.